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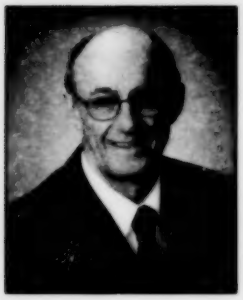

July 2008

His Honour
The Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

May it please Your Honour:

As Minister of Saskatchewan Agriculture it is my pleasure to submit the annual report for the Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council for the year ending March 31, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bjornerud
Minister of Agriculture

Letters of Transmittal

Honourable Bob Bjornerud
Minister of Agriculture
Legislature of Saskatchewan

Dear Minister Bjornerud:

In accordance with section 20 of *The Agri-Food Act, 2004*, I submit herewith the 2007-08 Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council.

Like the previous year, 2007-08 was a busy year for the Council. Not only did the Council fulfill its mandate of supervising and monitoring the 16 Agri-Food agencies, they also met with a number of producer groups interested in establishing development commissions and boards as a means to grow and develop their respective industries. It looks like 2008-09 will be another busy and exciting year for the Council.

The Council would also like to congratulate existing agencies for their successes and thank them for their co-operation. The Council is pleased to report that overall compliance in 2007-08 was excellent, and Council will continue to ensure that the full reporting requirements are met by all agencies. It is very important that the highest level of accountability be exercised to ensure that the trust producers have vested with these agencies is maintained.

The Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council is pleased to monitor and support those Boards and Commissions reporting to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Garf Stevenson, Chairperson 2007-08

Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council

Vision Statement

To create an environment for sustained growth where Saskatchewan-based producers and processors can become international leaders.

The Agri-Food Act, 2004 (Act) provides a framework for the promotion, development and regulation of agri-food products. Producer-elected and operated agencies may be established under the authority of the Act, to administer marketing and development plans. Producer operated boards and commissions, which collect either mandatory refundable or mandatory non-refundable levies used for promotion, research, development and marketing initiatives, are governed by this Act.

Established in 1990[1], The Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council is a board appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to monitor the activities of marketing and development agencies in accordance with the Act. The Council plays both a regulatory and advisory role.

The Council supervises compliance of boards and commissions within the terms and conditions of the Act, advises and updates the Minister of Agriculture on the operations and administration of agencies governed by the Act, and makes recommendations to the Minister.

As part of its regulatory role, the Council reviews proposed marketing and development plans, determines whether public meetings or hearings should be called in respect to the proposed plans, conducts producer votes, and makes recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Minister on whether to amend or terminate such plans. The Council also approves all marketing board, development board, and development commission orders to ensure compliance with the Act, consults with agencies on issues relating to federal-provincial marketing agreements, and conducts policy, program and strategic plan reviews of the agencies it supervises.

The Council also investigates issues related to regulatory policies of boards and commissions. There is a separate appeal body appointed under the Act to hear appeals – the Agri-Food Appeal Committee.

In all its activities, the Council is guided by the following values and principles:

- leadership in developing and supporting competitive agriculture and food industries;
- open, fair and decisive undertakings under the authority of the Act;
- accountability for actions affecting the public interest;
- positive communication and consultation amongst participants;
- compliance with orders and regulations under the Act; and
- active development of opportunities to fulfill Saskatchewan's agricultural and food production and marketing potential.

The Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council was responsible for monitoring 16 Saskatchewan agencies in 2007-08. The three types of agencies that may be established under the Act are:

Development Commissions – A development commission is an organization charged with promoting and conducting research and development for an industry. Commissions are given the power to charge a refundable levy where producers must pay but can request a refund of levy dollars. The research is used to help producers reduce their input costs, increase productivity and generally make a producer's farm more profitable. The research and cost cutting measures developed by commissions usually decrease the producers' costs in multiples of levy paid. The nine development commissions in Saskatchewan are:

1. The Agri-Food Council replaced the Saskatchewan Natural Products Marketing Council, the supervisory body established under legislation preceding The Agri-Food Act, 2004.

- Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission;
- Saskatchewan Beekeepers Development Commission;
- Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan;
- Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission;
- Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission;
- Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission;
- Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission;
- Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission; and
- Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission.

Development Boards – A development board is very similar to a commission with one important difference: a development board charges a levy that is non-refundable. Producers must pay the levy, and can not apply for a refund. Development boards are more difficult to organize, as those wishing to start the board must convince the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the majority of the industry supports the check-off, as demonstrated through a producer plebiscite. The three development boards in Saskatchewan are:

- Saskatchewan Pork Development Board;
- Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board; and
- Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board.

Marketing Boards – A marketing board administers a supply-managed marketing plan. Supply-management regulates and limits the production of a specific commodity. The original marketing boards were created in the 1970s with the intention of stabilizing supplies and ensuring that producers could be profitable. Marketing boards are also empowered to charge a non-refundable levy to support a variety of functions. The four marketing boards in Saskatchewan are:

- Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan;
- Saskatchewan Broiler Hatching Egg Producers Marketing Board;
- Saskatchewan Egg Producers; and
- Saskatchewan Turkey Producers Marketing Board.

2007-08 Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council Members

Garf Stevenson, Chair	Regina
Ken Rasmussen, Vice-Chair	Regina
Audrey Hinz	Saskatoon
Don Tait	Elrose
Corey Senft	Lipton
Ken Bender	Melville

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The fiscal year of the Council is from April 1 to March 31.

2007-08 In Review

Highlights

In 2007-08, the Agri-Food Council continued to carry out its mandate to supervise the activities and administration of boards and commissions operating under *The Agri-Food Act, 2004*. In the spring of 1998, the Provincial Auditor made recommendations to improve the standards of financial reporting of agencies. Each agency's board of directors is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements. The Council is pleased to report that overall compliance in 2007-08 was excellent. With the exception of two new agencies, all agencies fully met the reporting requirements for the fourth consecutive year. The Council will continue to work closely with all agencies to ensure that all reporting requirements are met in a timely fashion.

A number of producer groups indicated their interest in establishing development commissions funded by a check-off. Representatives from the fruit growers, cattle industry, and irrigation sector were in contact with Council and/or its staff over the course of the year to discuss the procedures that are necessary when proposing a new check-off. The Council and its staff act as a resource to these producer groups by attending meetings, giving presentations, monitoring votes and providing other guidance as producer groups explore the concept of a check-off for their respective industries.

The Agri-Food Act was repealed and replaced by *The Agri-Food Act, 2004* in October 2004. The transition to the new Act was smooth, and work continues to update the pre-existing regulations to ensure that they conform to the new Act. Council staff will continue to work with agencies in the 2008-09 fiscal year to update regulations so they conform with the new Act.

The Council's Strategic Plan was in its fifth year of implementation in 2007-08. The Council values the strategic planning process and recognizes the Strategic Plan's importance as a tool to ensure an effective and proactive approach to monitoring and supervising the agencies under its jurisdiction.

During 2007-08, the Agri-Food Council held two board meetings and conducted three teleconference meetings.

Report of Activities

Supervision of Boards and Commissions

As part of its responsibility to supervise boards and commissions under *The Agri-Food Act, 2004*, the Agri-Food Council reviewed the minutes of regular and annual meetings of all boards and commissions, as well as all annual reports and the financial statements with accompanying reports. In addition, Council members and staff attended various meetings of boards and commissions, including annual general meetings, and reported back to the Agri-Food Council. Agri-Food Council staff attended a meeting of the National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies (NAASA) in Ottawa, Ontario and participated in numerous NAASA teleconferences.

Marketing Plan Reviews

No new marketing plans were submitted to the Agri-Food Council for its review during 2007-08.

Development Plan Reviews

In 2007-08, the Saskatchewan Seed Potato Growers Association (SSPGA) submitted a plan to the Minister for the establishment of a development board. The Minister forwarded the plan to the Agri-Food Council for review and a recommendation.

After meeting with the SSPGA and reviewing the plan, Council recommended that the plan move forward and a vote of affected producers be held in 2008.

National Activities

National Marketing Agencies

The Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council is a signatory to three federal-provincial agreements These agreements provide the basis for operation of national marketing agencies for chicken, turkey and eggs. National agencies are essentially producer-driven supply management organizations with representation from downstream sectors. The primary mandate of the national agencies is to manage the supply of primary poultry products

across Canada according to the terms of the Federal-Provincial Agreements. Saskatchewan is a member of the Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC), the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency (CEMA) and the Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency (CTMA).

In 2007-08, Saskatchewan signed an interim service contract with the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP), until such a time as Saskatchewan can sign the Federal Provincial Agreement for Hatching Eggs. CHEP is currently in the process of renewing the agreement. Due to the lengthy signing process, CHEP suggested Saskatchewan sign a service contract with them until the agreement is signed. It's expected the renewed Federal Provincial Agreement will be signed in 2008.

The service contract enables Saskatchewan to enjoy most benefits of being a member of CHEP, including participation in the national quota allocation formula, participation in CHEP meetings and committees and access to industry information. The service contract does not provide Saskatchewan with voting rights at CHEP meetings related to the national allocation system, or other votes that involve the exercise by CHEP of its statutory powers.

Each national agency allocates a Canadian quota among participating provincial commodity boards, who in turn allocate their provincial allotments to individual producers within provincial boundaries. The national agencies target production to meet market demand at a price that covers the average producer's cost of production plus a reasonable return on investment.

As a signatory to each of the Federal Provincial Agreements, the Agri-Food Council is responsible for participating in matters relating to monitoring the operation of national marketing systems and participating in activities to improve their performance. The Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council co-operates with other supervisory agencies as a member of National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies (NAASA) to ensure steady progress is made in updating regulatory frameworks. The Agri-Food Council also co-operates with the National Farm Products Council (its counterpart at the national level) in its primary role as supervisor of the national marketing agencies.

In 2007-08, the Agri-Food Council continued to participate in a process initiated by Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Agriculture in 1998 to renew the three agreements, of which Saskatchewan is a signatory.

The Ministers directed NAASA to lead the renewal process to update and modernize the four poultry Federal Provincial Agreements. The individual agencies have taken the role of drafting new operating agreements under the Federal Provincial Agreement structure. The Chicken Farmers of Canada successfully updated their agreement in 2001. While some progress was made in 2007-08, there remains a great deal of work to be completed before an agreement can be reached on a renewed Federal Provincial Agreement in the other industries.

National Association of Agricultural Supervisory Agencies

Saskatchewan continued to actively participate in 2007-08 as a member of the National Association of Agricultural Supervisory Agencies (NAASA) whose mandate is as follows:

"To assist the agri-food industry by sharing information, providing direction and supporting an environment that promotes its development and prosperity."

In 2007-08, the Agri-Food Council continued to participate in NAASA's most recent objective, that is, to oversee the completion of renewal of Federal Provincial Agreements by each of the national marketing agencies.

2007-08 Council Review of Commission and Board Activities

Each agency is required to submit five reports annually to the Agri-Food Council. The five reports include:

- an audit report on the financial statements;
- an audit report on the rules and procedures to safeguard and control agency assets;
- an audit report on compliance with authorities;
- a comparison of actual results to planned results in the audited financial statements; and
- a payee list with Board of Director approved thresholds disclosed.

Unless otherwise noted, each agency was successful in completing and submitting these five reports to the Council for the current fiscal year.

Each agency's board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements. Their system of internal control, legislative compliance, and financial statements are audited annually.

A summary of each agency is provided below.

Development Commissions

Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission

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Board of Directors – 2006-07

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Annual Report Review - Fiscal year end - July 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission (SASPDC) Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, the percentage of check-off that was refunded, a review of the SASPDC's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the SASPDC, as well as ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Commission's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Merv Culham, CA. The board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of $0.0075 per pound of alfalfa seed marketed at the first point of sale. Producers may request a refund of any or all of the check-off paid.

	2007	2006
Check-off Revenue	$ 201,033	$ 89,143
Check-off Refunds	(15,651)	(6,859)
Refund %	7.8%	7.7%
Other Revenue	4,333	3,623
Total Revenue	189,715	85,907
Total Expenditures	135,027	128,768
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	54,688	(42,861)
Total Assets	$ 285,126	$ 230,438

Registered producers and buyers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Saskatchewan Beekeepers Development Commission

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Board of Directors – 2007

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John Gruska	Prince Albert
Len Procter	Saskatoon
Wink Howland, Secretary/Treasurer	Yorkton

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - July 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Beekeepers Development Commission Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, the percentage of check-off that was refunded, a review of the SBDC's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the SBDC, as well as ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Beekeepers Development Commission met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Commission's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by ParkerQuine LLP. The Commission's board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of $0.50 per colony in production by beekeepers with 100 or more colonies in production per year, and voluntarily by beekeepers with less than 100 colonies in production per year. Beekeepers may request a refund of any or all of the check-off paid.

	2007	2006
Check-off Revenue	$ 35,824	$ 38,298
Check-off Refunds	(1,083)	(2,702)
Refund %	3%	7.1%
Other Revenue	4,300	14,596
Total Revenue	39,041	50,192
Total Expenditures	28,514	25,757
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	10,527	24,435
Total Assets	$ 37,773	$ 25,635

Registered beekeepers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan

212 – 111 Research Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 3R2
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Board of Directors – 2007

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Kurtis Nunweiler	Elrose
Vince Walker	Star City

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - July 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Annual Report of the Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan (CDCS) were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, the percentage of check-off that was refunded, a review of the CDCS's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the CDCS, a review of the report on the state of the canaryseed industry and ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Commission's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP. The Commission's board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements. The levy is collected and recorded by a third party with a system of checks and balances to ensure accuracy.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of $1.75 per net tonne of canaryseed marketed at the first point of sale. Producers may request a refund of any or all of the check-off paid.

	2007
Check-off Revenue	$ 295,800
Check-off Refunds	(13,863)
Refund %	4.7%
Other Revenue	817
Total Revenue	282,754
Total Expenditures	52,047
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	230,707
Total Assets	$ 329,505

Registered producers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission

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John Serhienko, Vice-Chair	Blaine Lake
Wayne Bacon	Kinistino
Tim Wiens	Herschel
Laurie Hayes, Executive Director	Saskatoon

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - July 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission (SCDC) Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, the percentage of check-off that was refunded, a review of the SCDC's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the SCDC, a review of the report on the state of the canola industry, as well as ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Commission's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP. The Commission's board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

The Commission collects its own levy, and is also contracted to collect the levies of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission, Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission, Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission and Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of $0.75 per tonne of canola and canola-quality Brassica juncea marketed at the first point of sale. Producers may request a refund of any or all of the check-off paid.

	2007	2006
Check-off Revenue	$ 2,840,965	$ 3,050,920
Check-off Refunds	(200,376)	(199,873)
Refund %	7.1%	6.6%
Other Revenue	288,182	255,509
Total Revenue	2,928,771	3,106,556
Total Expenditures	2,866,011	2,276,023
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	62,760	830,533
Total Assets	$ 3,309,645	$ 3,403,414

Registered producers and buyers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission

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Board of Directors – 2006-07

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Gregor Beck	Rouleau
Chris Hale	Rouleau
David Sefton	Broadview
Linda Braun, Executive Director	Saskatoon

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - July 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission (SaskFlax) Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, the percentage of check-off that was refunded, a review of the SaskFlax's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of SaskFlax, as well as ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Commission's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Merv Culham, CA. The board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements. The levy is collected and recorded by a third party with a system of checks and balances to ensure accuracy.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of $1.18 per tonne of flaxseed marketed and $0.50 per tonne of flax straw marketed at the first point of sale. Producers may request a refund of any or all of the check-off paid.

	2007	2006
Check-off Revenue	$ 725,407	$ 633,235
Check-off Refunds	(30,080)	(27,512)
Refund %	4.1%	4.3%
Other Revenue	135,662	347,345
Total Revenue	861,069	953,068
Total Expenditures	672,122	766,929
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	188,947	186,139
Total Assets	$ 1,060,082	$ 805,662

Registered producers and buyers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission

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Board of Directors – 2006-07

Kirk Riglin, Chair	Elrose
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Ernest Horudko	Nipawin
Roger Kirk	Nipawin
Clayton Myhre	Nipawin
Randy Tulloch	Broadview
Archie Campbell	Quill Lake
Phil Curry, Executive Director	Melfort

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The Council has not received the Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission's (SFSDC) annual report. The delay is a result of efforts by the auditor to revise the years in which outstanding levies are reported.

The Council will continue to work with SFSDC to resolve this matter.

Summary of Financial Activities
In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of 0.75 per cent of the gross value of forage seed marketed at the first point of sale. Producers may request a refund of any or all of the check-off paid.

	2006
Check-off Revenue	$ 40,950
Check-off Refunds	(1,999)
Refund %	
Other Revenue	0
Total Revenue	38,951
Total Expenditures	185
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	38,766
Total Assets	$ 39,104

Registered forage seed producers and buyers may request a completed copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission

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Board of Directors – 2006-07

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Brett Meinert	Shaunavon
Laurie Hayes, Executive Director	Saskatoon

Annual Report Review
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In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission (SMDC) Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, the percentage of check-off that was refunded, a review of the SMDC's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the SMDC, a review of the report on the state of the mustard industry, as well as ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Commission's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP. The Commission's board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements. The levy is collected and recorded by a third party with a system of checks and balances to ensure accuracy.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of 0.5 per cent of the gross value of mustard marketed at the first point of sale. Producers may request a refund of any or all check-off paid.

	2007	2006
Check-off Revenue	$ 185,167	$ 123,919
Check-off Refunds	(8,893)	(2,729)
Refund %	4.8%	2.2%
Other Revenue	42,422	102,830
Total Revenue	218,696	224,020
Total Expenditures	209,723	214,045
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	8,973	9,975
Total Assets	$ 334,326	$ 248,558

Registered producers and buyers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission

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Interim Board of Directors - 2007

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Michael Spilchuk	Ituna
Willy Zuchkan	Foam Lake
Jack Dawes, Executive Director	Saltcoats

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - July 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission (SODC) Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, the percentage of check-off that was refunded, a review of the SODC's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the SODC, a review of the report on the state of the oat industry and ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

The Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission will publish its first annual report in the upcoming year.

Administration and Finance

The Commission's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by ParkerQuine LLP. The Commission's board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of $0.50 per tonne of oats marketed at the first point of sale. Producers may request a refund of any or all check-off paid.

	2007
Check-off Revenue	$ 576,377
Less: Check-off Refunds	(21,312)
Refund %	3.7%
Other Revenue	4,490
Total Revenue	559,555
Total Expenditures	94,506
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	465,046
Total Assets	$ 481,279

Registered producers and buyers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission

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Interim Board of Directors - 2007

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Dave Newhouse	Hagen
Paul Thoroughgood	Moose Jaw
Mark Weatherald	Wawota
Jake Davidson, Executive Director	Minnedosa, MB

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - July 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission (SWCDC) Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, the percentage of check-off that was refunded, a review of the SWCDC's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the SWCDC, a review of the report on the state of the winter cereals industry, as well as ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Commission's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Merv Culham, Chartered Accountant. The Commission's board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Commission's regulations and orders, the Commission is funded by a check-off of $0.50 per tonne of the net tonnes total sale of winter cereals marketed at the first point of sale. Producers may request a refund of any or all check-off paid.

	2007
Check-off Revenue	$ 67,880
Less: Check-off Refunds	(182)
Refund %	.23%
Other Revenue	0
Total Revenue	67,698
Total Expenditures	23,873
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	43,825
Total Assets	$ 44,509

Registered producers and buyers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Development Boards

Saskatchewan Pork Development Board

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Board of Directors – 2006-07

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Shirley Voldeng, First Vice-Chair	Naicam
Daren Laventure, Second Vice-Chair	Leoville
Florian Possberg	Humboldt
Judy Ulrich	Spalding
Ross Johnson	Hanley
Neil Ketilson, General Manager	Saskatoon

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - July 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board's Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, a review of the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board and ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Saskatchewan Pork Development Board's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Meyers Norris Penny LLP. The board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with Saskatchewan Pork Development Board regulations and orders, the board is funded by a check-off of $0.75 per slaughter hog and sow marketed to a Saskatchewan slaughter plant. Saskatchewan Pork Development Board also collects a service charge of $0.75 per slaughter hog, slaughter sow and breeding hog, and $0.20 per early weaned and feeder hog exported live from Canada.

	2007	2006
Check-off Revenue	$1,601,699	$ 1,668,881
Other Revenue	385,530	199,885
Total Revenue	1,987,229	1,868,766
Total Expenditures	2,030,788	1,737,748
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(43,559)	131,018
Total Assets	$ 1,505,134	$ 1,557,534

Registered producers and processors may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

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Board of Directors – 2006-07

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Maurice Berry, Vice-Chair	Carievale
Lloyd Affleck	Beechy
Barbara Podhorodeski	Shipman
John Bennett	Biggar
David Nobbs	Lancer
Murray Purcell	Pike Lake
Garth Patterson, Executive Director	Saskatoon

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - August 31

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, a review of the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board, as well as ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Summary of Financial Activities

The Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Hergott Duval Stack & Partners LLP. The Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board's regulations and orders, the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board is funded by a non-refundable check-off of one per cent plus GST of the gross value of all pulses marketed at the first point of sale.

	2007	2006
Check-off Revenue	$ 6,578,792	$ 4,852,436
Other Revenue	714,757	830,040
Total Revenue	7,293,549	5,682,476
Total Expenditures	5,582,917	5,722,649
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	1,710,632	(40,173)
Total Assets	$ 6,372,511	$ 4,778,463

Registered producers and buyers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board

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Board of Directors – 2006-07

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Randy Jordon	Raymore
Marvin Dales	Coleville
Tammy Stewart	Spruce Home
Gord Schroeder, Executive Director	Saskatoon

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - September 30

In addition to the five required reports, several other aspects of the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board (SSDB) Annual Report were reviewed. This included an analysis of dollars spent on programs and administration, a review of the SSDB's meeting minutes, a review of the report on the activities of the SSDB, a review of the report on the state of the sheep industry, as well as ensuring that a list of directors is included in the annual report.

Overall, the SSDB met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The SSDB's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by HVB Chartered Accountants Prof. Corp. The board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

In accordance with the SSDB's regulations and orders, the SSBD is funded by a non-refundable check-off of $1 per sheep marketed. The check-off is applied at the time of purchase of Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) ear tags.

	2007	2006
Check-off Revenue	$ 65,754	$ 73,278
Other Revenue	256,907	216,395
Total Revenue	322,661	289,673
Total Expenditures	330,018	298,421
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(7,357)	(8,748)
Total Assets	$ 350,385	$ 354,116

Registered producers and buyers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Marketing Boards

Saskatchewan Broiler Hatching Egg Producers Marketing Board

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Board of Directors – 2007

Dale Sigurdson, Administrator (effective August 20, 2007)	Bethune
Terry Scott, Administrator (effective June 1, 2006)	Regina

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - December 31

In addition to the five required reports, the minutes of the Board were also reviewed.

Overall, the Board met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Board's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Dudley & Company LLP. The board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

During the 2007 fiscal year, the Board collected $96,880 in levies. In accordance with the Board's regulations, the levy is set at $0.0032 per quota unit, per year. The levy is mandatory and non-refundable

	2007	2006
Board Levies	$ 96,880	$ 95,827
Other Revenue	1,600	1,427
Total Revenue	98,480	97,254
Total Expenditures	90,829	76,645
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	7,651	20,609
Total Assets	$ 215,874	$ 111,562

Registered producers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Administrator

Through Lieutenant Governor Order in Council #283/2000, dated May 30, 2000, the Minister of Agriculture assumed many of the powers of the Saskatchewan Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Marketing Board, and then delegated those powers to an independent administrator.

The Administrator is charged with the following tasks:

- carrying out quota allocation, pricing and levy collection duties and procedures;
- resolving industry disputes; and
- exploring with industry new decision-making structures.

Orders

The Saskatchewan Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Marketing Board exercises certain powers granted by its marketing plan through orders. These orders require Council approval prior to coming into effect. The Council reviewed and approved the following orders of the Board in 2007-08:

Order No. 46/07: Canadian Hatching Egg Quality Program (effective December 10, 2007)

Purpose: This order is to require that all producers be certified pursuant to the Canadian Hatching Egg Quality Program (CHEQ) by September 1, 2008.

Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan

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Board of Directors – 2007

Nick Langelaar, Chair	Hague
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Diane Pastoor	Dalmeny
Bonnie Morrison	Langham
Mike Picard	Wynyard

Clinton Monchuk, Chief Executive Officer, Saskatoon

Dale Sigurdson, Administrator (effective August 20, 2007)	Bethune
Terry Scott, Administrator (effective June 1, 2006)	Regina

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - December 31

In addition to the five required reports, the minutes of the Board were also reviewed.

Overall, the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan (CFS) met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Board's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Dudley & Company LLP. The board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

During the 2007 fiscal year, the CFS collected $602,898 in levies. In accordance with the Board's regulations and orders, the levy is $0.016 per kilogram (live) of chicken marketed. The levy is mandatory and non-refundable.

	2007	2006
Board Levies	$ 602,898	$ 613,352
Other Revenue	95,910	376,747
Total Revenue	698,808	990,099
Total Expenditures	805,158	588,870
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	$ (106,350)	$ 401,229
Total Assets	$ 643,855	$ 692,731

Registered producers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Administrator

Through Lieutenant Governor Order in Council #282/2000, dated May 30, 2000, the Minister of Agriculture assumed many of the powers of the CFS, and then delegated those powers to an independent administrator.

The Administrator is charged with the following tasks:

- carrying out quota allocation, pricing and levy collection duties and procedures;
- resolving industry disputes; and
- exploring with industry new decision-making structures.

Orders

The Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan exercise powers granted by its marketing plan through orders. These orders require Council approval prior to coming into effect. The Council reviewed and approved the following orders of the CFS in 2007-08:

Order No. 36/07: Overproduction Charges
(effective May 8, 2007)

Purpose: This order, which replaces 35/06, is to clarify the monetary penalty structure for overproduction. There is no change to the structure under which the Board is currently operating.

This Order also requires that excess kilograms produced are to be deducted in consecutive periods following an overproduction period, rather than in the sixth production period following an overproduction period. This will assist in preventing situations where a producer is in a quota reduction situation and then sells the quota before the reduction occurs, thereby penalizing the quota buyer for that overproduction.

Order No. 37/07: Base Quota Leasing
(effective November 1, 2007)

Purpose: This order, which replaces 09/00, is to further clarify provisions governing the leasing of base quota.

Order No. 38/07: Development Fund Levy
(effective December 12, 2007)

Purpose: This order, which replaces 27/02, is to clarify how development fund levies are collected by the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan.

The new rules governing how development fund levies are collected are found in Section 3 and section 4 of this order and include the following:

- effective December 9, 2007, the check-off shall be lowered from $0.03 per kilogram of live chicken to $0.025;
- this new check-off applies to not only 'B' quota classification but to all quota classifications; and
- the check- off collected will continue to be distributed in accordance with section 38 of The Saskatchewan Chicken Marketing Plan Regulations, 1978.

Production

There were 91 licensed producers in 2007. The 2007 broiler base production for Saskatchewan was 52,369,000 kilograms (live), an increase of 1.5 per cent over 2006.

Year	Number of Birds	Live Weight (kg)	Average Weight (kg)
2007	24,517,000	52,369,000	2.13
2006	23,792,734	51,544,570	2.20
2005	23,383,724	45,880,416	1.96
2004	25,266,796	44,901,444	1.78
2003	23,004,442	41,371,638	1.80
2002	21,409,775	40,620,973	1.90
2001	19,781,770	37,431,205	1.89
2000	16,937,235	32,414,857	1.91
1999	14,601,629	26,428,949	1.81
1998	12,122,181	21,941,147	1.81
1997	12,049,705	21,809,966	1.81

Saskatchewan Egg Producers

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Board of Directors – 2007

Bert Harman, Chair	Saskatoon
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Cliff Colborn	Delisle
Joseph E. Hofer Jr.	Walsh, AB
Joseph Mandel	Tompkins
Jim Teichrob	Saskatoon
Joy Smith, General Manager	Regina

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - December 31

In addition to the five required reports, the minutes of the Board were also reviewed.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Egg Producers met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Saskatchewan Egg Producers' system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by KPMG LLP. The board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

During the 2007 fiscal year, the Saskatchewan Egg Producers (SEP) collected $1,753,497 in levies. In accordance with the SEP's regulations and orders, the levy was set at $0.075 per dozen eggs marketed. The levy is mandatory and non-refundable.

	2007	2006
Levies	$ 8,606,068	$ 8,284,126
Less: CEMA Levy	(6,852,571)	(6,711,515)
Net Levy	1,753,497	1,572,611
Other Revenue	253,113	231,367
Total Revenue	2,006,610	1,803,978
Total Expenditures	1,684,824	1,787,932
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	321,786	16,046
Total Assets	$ 2,049,156	$2,582,232

Licensed producers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Production

There were 65 licensed producers in 2007. The 2007 table egg production for Saskatchewan was 23 million dozen eggs produced by 890,073 layers.

Year	Number of Layers	Production (million dozen)
2007	890,073	23.00
2006	890,960	23.12
2005	858,809	22.68
2004	805,903	19.66
2003	783,935	19.51
2002	781,884	19.75
2001	788,723	19.52
2000	787,668	19.07
1999	773,661	18.64
1998	753,686	18.04
1997	747,607	17.79

Saskatchewan Turkey Producers Marketing Board

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Board of Directors – 2007

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Wayne Goodsman	Stalwart
Ted Baas	Regina
Jelmer Wiersma, Vice-Chair	Cudworth
Rose Olsen, Manager	Saskatoon

Annual Report Review
Fiscal year end - December 31

In addition to the five required reports, the minutes of the Board were also reviewed.

Overall, the Saskatchewan Turkey Producers Marketing Board met all reporting requirements, and the Agri-Food Council had no outstanding concerns.

Administration and Finance

The Board's system of internal control, legislative compliance and financial statements are audited annually by Hergott Duval Stack & Partners LLP. The board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control, complying with applicable regulations, maintaining financial records and preparing financial statements.

Summary of Financial Activities

During the 2007 fiscal year, the Board collected $136,393 in levies. In accordance with the Board's regulations and orders, the levy was set at $0.02 per kilogram (live) marketed. The levy is mandatory and non-refundable.

	2007	2006
Operating Fees	$ 136,393	$ 128,116
Other Revenue	64,967	75,912
CTMA Levy*	112,370	102,493
Total Revenue	313,730	306,521
Total Expenditures	275,578	262,155
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	38,152	44,366
Total Assets	$ 275,644	$ 237,240

**Levy collected on behalf of the Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency (CTMA)*

Registered producers may request a complete copy of the annual report by contacting the agency at the above address.

Production

There were 13 licensed producers in 2007. The 2007 total production for Saskatchewan was 7,023,125 kgs (live), an increase of 8.8 per cent over 2006.

Year	Live Weight (kg)
2007	7,023,125
2006	6,405,806
2005	5,760,787
2004	5,676,181
2003	5,870,791
2002	5,649,040
2001	5,876,214
2000	6,113,061
1999	5,407,305
1998	5,837,214
1997	5,726,745